

Howard County Commission for Women
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, Maryland 21046
July 11, 2017

Members Present

Neveen Kurtom, Chair
Jessica Epps, Vice-Chair
Megha Sharma, Recording Secretary
Joyce Kim
Bano Rizvi
Joan Webb Scornaienchi
Alice Giles

Members Absent

Suellen Seigel
Lanlan Xu
Cindi Rubin
Nina Basu

Staff Present

Jacqueline Scott, Executive Secretary
Becca Hunt, Administrative Secretary

Staff Absent

Call to Order:

Chair Neveen Kurtom called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Approval of the Agenda:

Alice moved to approve the July Agenda and Joan Webb Scornaienchi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of February Minutes:

Jessica Epps moved to approve the June Minutes and Joan Webb Scornaienchi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Secretary's Report:

Jackie Scott, Executive Secretary for the Women's Commission talked about the realignment of the commissions and the meeting/engagement of all commission representatives to go. Ms. Scott informed the commissioners of their budget for the year. The commissioners may plan events and get materials they need, tracking their expenditures.

Chair's Report:

Neveen opened a discussion on what the Women's Commission would facilitate for our Fall Event. A mentoring program for young girls and a panel event which would consist of successful women from various types of vocations. How they got established in their careers and the obstacles they faced and how they overcame them. The focus would be on students in High School (Jr.'s & Sr.'s), and 1st and 2nd year college students. Alice suggested a newsletter that would consist of the information the panelist would be asked and they're responses. The commission decided on the Panel Event, and the event theme may be called "Finding your own path to Success." Locations, date, time were also discussed, but not decided. The commissioners thought that a Saturday morning would work the best for everyone. All agreed the panel should consist of women who live or work in Howard County.

Old Business: Suellen is wrapping up the Feminine Hygiene Drive.

New Business:

The chair-person Neveen Kurtom asked that a quorum be present for every meeting.

August Meeting: There will be a meeting in August on the 8th.

Retreat:

Lori Reiner has been asked to facilitate the retreat. The commissioners agreed the retreat would be no longer than 3 hours and they want the retreat to take place on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017, 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Adjournment

The Women's Commission meeting adjourned at 8:07pm. Alice moved to adjourn, Joan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Becca Hunt

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00pm.